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## DODGE CITY BOOMING!

### REAL ESTATE ADVANCING.

### MANY BUILDINGS IN PROGRESS.

The "wicked city" on the border is fast changing its character. Age and improvements are bringing the town above the standard of country villages. Dodge City is destined to be a town of importance and magnitude. Her geographical position will guarantee a healthy growth. An evidence of the growth, stability and character of the city is being manifested. The improvements going on and in prospect, and the change in ownership of town lots, would indicate that our citizens place a high estimation upon the value of property, and have an abiding faith in the future of the town.

Last week M. W. Sutton and Fred Wenie purchased of the town company a block, east of John Mueller's residence. G. M. Hoover bought two blocks a little farther east. H. J. Fringer bought a block in the same vicinity. Fred Wenie sold to G. W. Bickel, two lots in west end. M. Collar sold to R. M. Wright, three lots in west end. M. Collar bought of L. P. Olive, one acre of ground north of his residence, paying \$40. F. C. Zimmermann refused \$750 for ten acres of ground north of his residence, in west end. Other transactions in town lots and real estate are talked of.

G. M. Hoover sold to M. S. Culver the building on Front st. now occupied by him. He will soon remove to his new brick block. Mr. Hoover also sold to A. Gluck the building adjoining, occupied by R. E. Rice. H. V. Cook, business house to Cramer & Hines. Fred Wenie sold to Mrs. Nancy B. Martin, house and lot on Third Avenue.

The price paid for these buildings shows increased value of Dodge City business property. The population of Dodge City is increasing, as is indicated by the enrollment of school children. There is an increase of 46 per cent. in enrollment at the school over last year.

The publication of the school report is made on another page, and is of particular interest in this connection. The increase of population promises to be still larger next year.

The number of new houses erected during the year do not meet the requirements. A number of dwelling houses are now in course of erection and a number of others are in contemplation. H. B. Slaven is putting up a fine two story house on the hill east of Railroad avenue. H. T. Drake and Mr. Eyre are each building on that ridge. Jacob Collar has commenced the erection of four dwellings on the same street. Mrs. Wolf is putting up a neat residence on Railroad avenue. N. B. Klaine has completed residence opposite court house. James Langton is finishing large residence north of the Union church. S. Mullendore has completed fine dwelling on First avenue. Mrs. Wright and Mr. Ballard have each built large residences on same street. Mrs. Robbins is finishing a building on Second avenue. Fred Steinman has completed another dwelling south of the school house. G. M. Hoover's magnificent brick is undergoing the finishing touches. We can count fifty houses put up since last spring, but space prevents a full mention being made.

The number of new dwelling houses built this year, and the number now in progress of erection, would indicate that the Queen City of the west was stretching out magnificently. In the spring, when the railroad company commences work on the new buildings, another impetus will be given Dodge. It is no gross exaggeration to state that within three years Dodge City will have a population of 3,000 people.

Dodge City is entitled to the honor of being designated as being the largest cattle shipping point in the State.

Gov. St. John is to build a \$10,000 residence at Olathe. So says a correspondent of the Kansas City Journal.

The death of Thurlow Weed, the eminent statesman and journalist, occurred in New York on November 22. He was 85 years of age.

The United States have about 2,000 times more railway than Great Britain and all Europe together. At our present rate of building we shall, in a few years, have a greater railway mileage than all the rest of the world.

In Eastern business circles grave fears are already entertained in regard to the probable action of the next congress on the tariff and other economic measures. It would not be at all surprising if the triumph of the Bourbons should bring on a panic that would seriously affect the business interests of the whole country.—Kansas City Journal.

The present success in transporting dressed beef any distance in refrigerator cars promises to put an end to the barbarism of live cattle shipments within the next five years. Every advantage is in favor of the policy of shipping dead meat, and we predict that the revolution will progress just as rapidly as refrigerator cars can be built. And thus the world moves.—Leavenworth Times.

There is to be another raid on Congress by the pension claim agents. There seems to be no end to the greed of these blood-suckers. The Government is now paying out over \$100,000,000 per annum for pensions, and we think it safe to say a good round portion goes to frauds and dead beats. If a stop is not put to the matter soon it will stop the wheels of government.—Kansas City Journal.

Mr. Shultz, living in Caldwell, was bitten by his house dog one day last week, and on Saturday went over near Oxford to try the virtues of a "mad stone" on the wound. The stone was applied several times, sticking to the wound seven times, and upon being placed in warm milk after each application, would turn the milk green, and when applied again, would adhere to the wound. Mr. Shultz is feeling well now, and does not anticipate any bad results from the bite.

Everybody has heard the railroad "sell" about the cow-catcher having a calf. That thing came to pass on the A. and N. road last week. When the fast train from the south approached Troy Junction, a fine-looking calf was seen perched up on the cow-catcher. When the train stopped, the engineer and fireman released the calf, and it bounded away briskly, having received no other injury than some slight bruises. The train ran into a bunch of calves on the track in the neighborhood of Doniphan, killing two and picking this one up. It had been carried in that way for eight miles.

The Commonwealth is in receipt of reports from fifty points in the State, covering all the important wheat-growing districts in the State, concerning the condition of the winter wheat. The official figures for the wheat harvest of the present year puts the total area at 1,500,000 acres. From the reports received by the Commonwealth, it is estimated that the fall seeding will not fall far short of that of 1881. The dry weather in the early fall prevented sowing at the usual time, but the continual fine weather has brought the plant to a condition where it compares favorably with that of former years.

### A New Scheme.

[Larned Chronoscope.]

The steam pump at the railroad well in this city, throwing a running stream from a four-inch pipe, demonstrates the fact that every acre of land in this section can be irrigated, upland and bottom, and undoubtedly will be in time. One man could own the engine, and pump all the water for a township of thirty-six sections, after the wells and reservoirs were constructed. The engine could be moved, after filling one reservoir, to the next successively, until all were filled, so that a whole township could be irrigated with one engine. Twenty-one engines, costing \$1,000 each, would pump sufficient water to irrigate every acre in this county. We will not need this, however, as the waters of the Pawnee and Arkansas will irrigate all the bottom lands along their banks.

The Hon. J. M. Peres, of New Mexico, honored our sanctum with a pleasant call this week. He has been spending a couple of months in our town, and is very much pleased with our citizens. He brought 40,000 head of sheep with him to pay his little expenses while here, and informs us that he sold all but about 8,000 head, which he is offering to close out cheap for cash. Mr. Peres is a pleasant, affable, and very intelligent gentleman, of the pure old Castilian stock. He owns in New Mexico about 400,000 head of graded Merino sheep, and his real estate in that Territory is estimated at \$500,000 in value. We are very much pleased with Mr. Peres, and would like for him to call often.—Colorado Clipper.

A band of Indian hunters, composed of Buffalo Bill, Wild Bill, Texas Jack, Mexican Ben and California Joe started for the plains from Ithica, Mich., not many days ago. They had an idea that the Indians were plentiful in the vicinity of Peoria, Ill. The ages of these bloodthirsty young scalp-hunters ranged from twelve to fourteen years. They had not gone very far when they were captured by pale faces and sent back home for castigation.

The Canon City Express says: "A drove of about two thousand sheep passed through the city this morning, eastward bound. The flock is owned by Messrs. Wakefield, and was started from Modoc County, California, in June last, and has been on the road ever since. At the time of starting the flock numbered 1,700, the increase being 300 since that time. The sheep are in excellent condition, and will be wintered near Pueblo."

A. A. Johnson, land commissioner of the A. T. & S. F., under date of Oct. 31, says: "In the tenth month of this year we have sold more land than we have in the two years previous put together; and with the exception of the years 1874 and 1878, more than we have sold since our lands have been in market—twelve years."

S. W. Hinckley, a thriving farmer of Wayne township, Doniphan county, who always farms by the latest methods, raised thirty-five hundred bushels of potatoes on fifteen acres of ground this season. At 40 cents per bushel, a fair price—they will net him \$1,400. Not by any means a bad season's work.—Champion.

The postoffice department has ruled that a husband has no control over the correspondence of his wife. There is one glorious privilege left him, however: he can carry her letters three or four weeks in his inside coat pocket before he mails them.—Howard Courant.

The Denver, Texas and Mexican capitalists who are about to purchase 1,000,000 acres of land in Mexico, and stock them with 50,000 head of cattle, including 2,000 Short-horn Kentucky bulls, have subscribed all their own money.

Texas claims a goose 65 years old. There are plenty of geese in this part of the country older than that.

Herbert Spencer considers the wearing of pointed-toe shoes and skin-tight trousers a well defined mark of mental imbecility.

Thomas Jefferson brought tomato seed from France, where he saw that that vegetable was extensively used as food for swine.

Since these Nebraska cowboys made a St. Louis drummer dance two hours without a recess, much of their past transgressions can be forgiven them.

The Larned Chronoscope says the next national contest will be between Gen. Sherman and Butler, and wants everybody to mark the prediction.

One of our exchanges refers to a defeated politician as a person with a "costive intellect and a laxative mouth." It is probably a case of dysentery or blind piles.

When you see a man with his boots highly polished in front, but with an unfinished look about the heel, you can accurately determine that he did the job himself.

The trouble in the Democratic camp will come when a repeal of the revenue laws are bruited. There are southern, as well as northern men who insist on retaining the tax upon whisky and tobacco, while others demand that the whole concern shall be disbanded.

There has been received into the State treasury of Kansas, during the past two years, the sum of \$3,460,453. The expenditures were \$3,270,827, leaving a balance of \$199,626, which added to the balance on hand July 1, 1880, leaves at present in the treasury the handsome sum of \$624,323.

A salvation army, of four men and five women, has made its appearance in Trenton, New Jersey, and has created quite a sensation by singing hymns in the street and playing the banjo. They profess the utmost confidence in their ability to redeem that part of the State from sin.

Said Mr. Beecher in his Friday evening lecture: "My friends, you and I are no better than many men who are now wearing striped jackets and breaking stones at Sing Sing." The congregation will soon begin to suspect that Mr. Beecher's powers are failing, and that his salary should be reduced.

We found adroit on the prairie, last week, a poster, offering a reward for information concerning the whereabouts of one W. J. Hadley and family. The reward, which was contributed by anxious Cheyenne friends, consisted of one pair black government mules, (Kate and Phoebe) 1 set government harness for mules, 13 joints stove-pipe, 40 broken-down-gov't-bedsteads, 60 old door-locks, 1/2 doz. old gov't saddles, (the "remains" of former industrial teacher) and 1 doz. boxes broken window-glass. We should imagine that this touching appeal would bring the desired information.—Cheyenne Transporter.

Capt. H. W. Glendon, in charge of the survey corps of the A. & P. railroad, spent a couple of weeks in this vicinity working on the preliminary survey from the Arkansas river to this point. After passing this point the party found a very favorable line twenty-four miles up the North Fork, thence over the divide to the main Canadian, striking it at a point thirty-six miles from the Agency. The summit of the divide was found to be not difficult. The Captain then returned with his party of "wick-sticks," and, starting at a point eight miles east of the Agency, started a line due east to the Cimarron, connecting thereby the surveys of 1871 and 1882.—Cheyenne Transporter.